

CLAIMS

1. An apparatus for navigating a vehicle, comprising:
a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver, wherein the
GPS receiver at least determines GPS coordinates of the
5 vehicle;

a Radio Frequency (RF) receiver, wherein the RF receiver
is at least configured to receive a plurality of RF signals,
wherein the plurality of RF signals are at least configured to
contain GPS coordinates of traffic or environmental
10 conditions; and

a processing unit, wherein the processing unit is at
least configured to receive the GPS coordinates of the
vehicle, to receive the GPS coordinates of traffic
conditions or environmental conditions and to calculate
15 alternate routes of vehicle travel around the traffic or
environmental conditions.

2. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the RF receiver is
an Amplitude Modulation (AM) Radio receiver, a Frequency
20 Modulation (FM) Radio receiver, a cellular receiver, or a
satellite receiver.

3. The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the processing
unit further comprises:

a decoder, wherein the decoder decodes the plurality of RF signals into a plurality of constituent data streams, wherein at least one data stream is the GPS coordinates of traffic or environmental conditions; and

5 a navigation unit, wherein the navigation unit calculates alternate routes based on the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions and the GPS coordinates of the vehicle.

10 4. The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein the processing unit further comprises:

a storage unit, wherein the storage unit at least stores a time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions, the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions, 15 and a date of the traffic or environmental conditions; and

a correlation unit, wherein the correlation unit is at least configured to determine historical trends of the traffic or environmental conditions based on the time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions, the GPS coordinates of 20 the traffic or environmental conditions, and the date of the traffic or environmental conditions.

5. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the processing unit further comprises:

a storage unit, wherein the storage unit at least stores a time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions, the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions, and a date of the traffic or environmental conditions; and

5 a correlation unit, wherein the correlation unit is at least configured to determine historical trends of the traffic or environmental conditions based on the time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions, the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions, and the date of the
10 traffic or environmental conditions.

6. A method for navigating a vehicle, comprising:

receiving GPS coordinates of the vehicle;

receiving a plurality of RF signals;

15 decoding the plurality of RF signal into a plurality of constituent data streams, wherein at least one constituent data stream at least comprises traffic or environmental conditions; and

plotting alternate routes based at least on the GPS
20 coordinates of the vehicle and the traffic or environmental conditions.

7. The method of Claim 6, wherein step of receiving a plurality of RF signals further comprises at least receiving

AM Radio signals, FM Radio signals, cellular signals, or satellite signals.

8. The method of Claim 7, wherein the method further
5 comprises:

at least storing a time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions;

at least storing the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions;

10 at least storing a date of the traffic or environmental conditions; and

determining historical trends of the traffic or environmental conditions base on the time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions, the GPS coordinates of
15 the traffic or environmental conditions, and the date of the traffic or environmental conditions.

9. The method of Claim 6, wherein the method further comprises:

20 at least storing a time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions;

at least storing the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions;

at least storing a date of the traffic or environmental
25 conditions; and

determining historical trends of the traffic or environmental conditions base on the time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions, the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions, and the date of the traffic or environmental conditions.

10. A computer program product for navigating a vehicle in a computer system, the computer program product having a medium with a computer program embodied thereon, the computer program comprising:

computer code for receiving GPS coordinates of the vehicle;

computer code for receiving a plurality of RF signals;

15 computer code for decoding the plurality of RF signal into a plurality of constituent data streams, wherein at least one constituent data stream at least comprises traffic or environmental conditions; and

computer code for plotting alternate routes based at least on the GPS coordinates of the vehicle and the traffic or environmental conditions.

11. The computer program product of Claim 10, wherein computer code for receiving a plurality of RF signals further comprises at least a computer code for receiving AM Radio

signals, FM Radio signals, cellular signals, or satellite signals.

12. The computer program product of Claim 11, wherein
5 the computer program product further comprises:

computer code for storing a time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions;

computer code for storing the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions;

10 computer code for storing a date of the traffic or environmental conditions; and

computer code for determining historical trends of the traffic or environmental conditions base on the time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions, the GPS coordinates
15 of the traffic or environmental conditions, and the date of the traffic or environmental conditions.

13. The computer program product of Claim 10, wherein the computer program product further comprises:

20 computer code for storing a time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions;

computer code for storing the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions;

computer code for storing a date of the traffic or
25 environmental conditions; and

computer code for determining historical trends of the traffic or environmental conditions base on the time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions, the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions, and the date of the traffic or environmental conditions.

14. A processing unit for navigating a vehicle comprising at least being configured to calculate alternate routes, wherein GPS coordinates of traffic or environmental conditions and GPS coordinates of the vehicle are at least utilized.

15. The processing unit of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is at least configured to utilize an AM Radio receiver, a FM Radio receiver, a cellular receiver, or a satellite receiver for at least receiving the traffic and environmental conditions.

16. The processing unit of Claim 15, wherein the processing unit further comprises:

a decoder, wherein the decoder decodes a plurality of RF signals into a plurality of constituent data streams, wherein at least one data stream is the GPS coordinates of traffic or environmental conditions; and

a navigation unit, wherein the navigation unit calculates alternate routes based on the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions and the GPS coordinates of the vehicle.

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17. The processing unit of Claim 16, wherein the processing unit further comprises:

a storage unit, wherein the storage unit at least stores a time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions, the
10 GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions, and a date of the traffic or environmental conditions; and

a correlation unit, wherein the correlation unit is at least configured to determine historical trends of the traffic or environmental conditions based on the time of day of the
15 traffic or environmental conditions, the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions, and the date of the traffic or environmental conditions.

18. The processing unit of Claim 14, wherein the
20 processing unit further comprises:

a storage unit, wherein the storage unit at least stores a time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions, the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions, and a date of the traffic or environmental conditions; and

a correlation unit, wherein the correlation unit is at least configured to determine historical trends of the traffic or environmental conditions based on the time of day of the traffic or environmental conditions, the GPS coordinates of the traffic or environmental conditions, and the date of the traffic or environmental conditions.